9th December 1952]

Amendment to the District Municipalities Act.

* 382 Q.—SRI R. KRISHNAN: Will the Hon. the Minister for Local Administration be pleased to state whether the Government have recently received any memorandum or resolution from the Palghat Municipal Council requesting for an amendment to the District Municipalities Act?

THE HON. SRI N. SANKARA REDDI :—" No, Sir."

Supply of yarn made out of Indian cotton to handloom industry.

* 383 Q.—SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH: Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries and Labour be pleased to state—

(*a*) the total number of bales of yarn count-war accumulated with the mills in the State; (1) spun out of an admixture of foreign cotton; and (2) spun out of Indian cotton, at the time of the Government permitting the mills to export them;

(*b*) whether the Union Government consulted the Madras Government before permitting the exports of yarn;

(*c*) if so, what steps the Madras Government took to secure adequate supply of yarn made out of Indian cotton to the Handloom Industry in the State;

(*d*) out of the total number of bales of yarn spun out of Indian cotton and reported to have accumulated with the mills, how many bales count-war were offered to the Madras State Handloom Weavers' Co-operative Society in excess of the usual allotment to the said society and whether the society rejected any of them;

(*e*) if the State Society had not rejected any of the said bales, what the reason was for the Government to permit the mills to export the said bales or to sell them to the traders of their own choice; and

(*f*) whether the Government will recommend to the Union Government to prohibit the export of all yarn spun out of Indian and foreign cotton?

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The answer [a] is placed on the table of the House."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" In view of the fact that mills are underselling yarn, will the Government take steps to get the prices of yarn reduced immediately? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" The matter will be referred to the Central Government for necessary action. We have already done it and we shall do it again."

SRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH :—" When do the Government expect a reply from the Central Government to the various representations made, as stated in the answer? "

THE HON. DR. U. KRISHNA RAO :—" I am afraid, I cannot give an off-hand answer to that question."

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[a] Printed as Appendix II on page 465 infra.